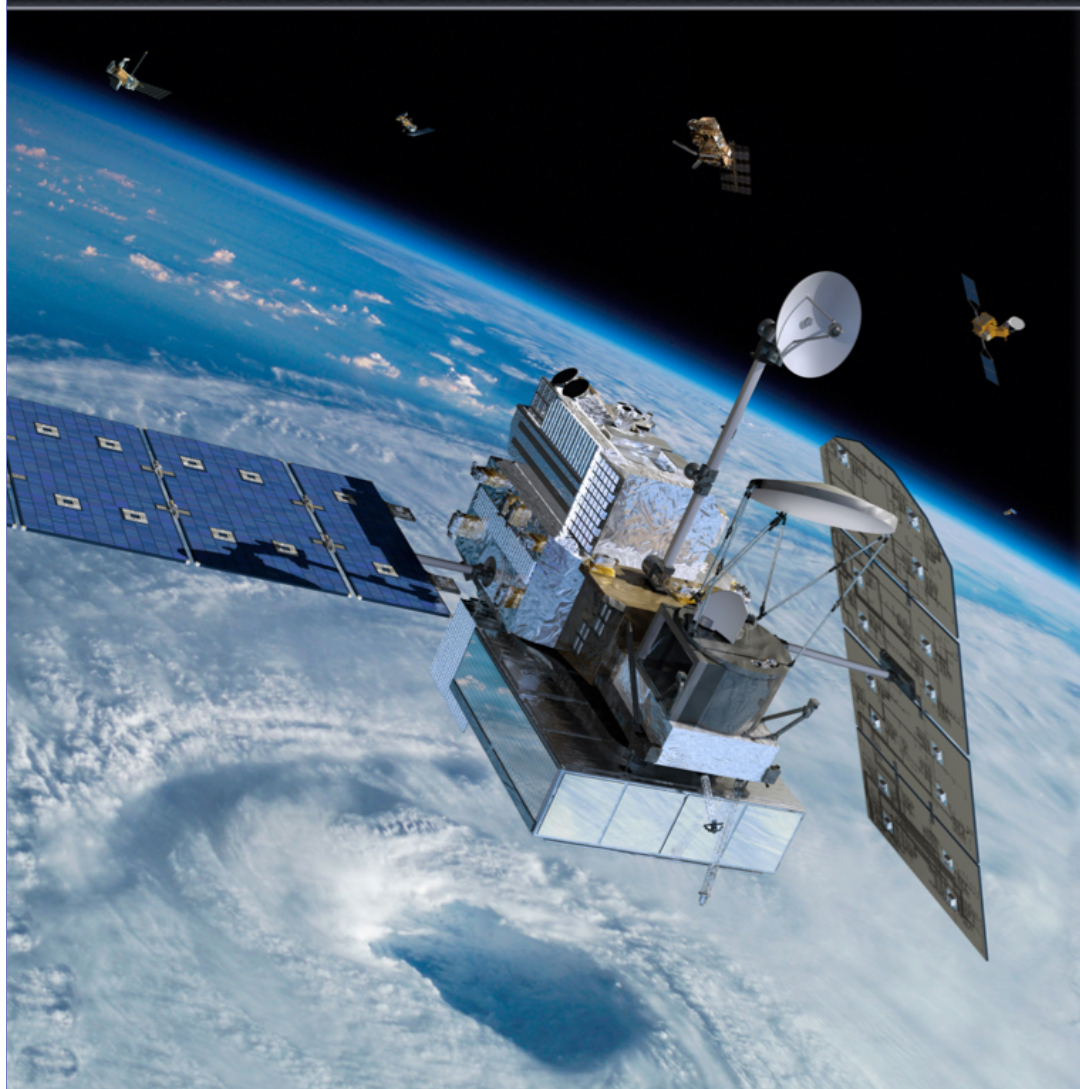




# The Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Mission Applications and Education/Outreach Activities



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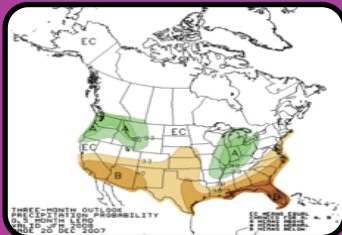
## Extreme Events and Disasters

- Landslides
- Floods
- Tropical cyclones
- Re-insurance



## Water Resources and Agriculture

- Famine Early Warning System
- Drought
- Water Resource management
- Agriculture



## Weather, Climate & Land Surface Modeling

- Numerical Weather Prediction
- Land System Modeling
- Global Climate Modeling

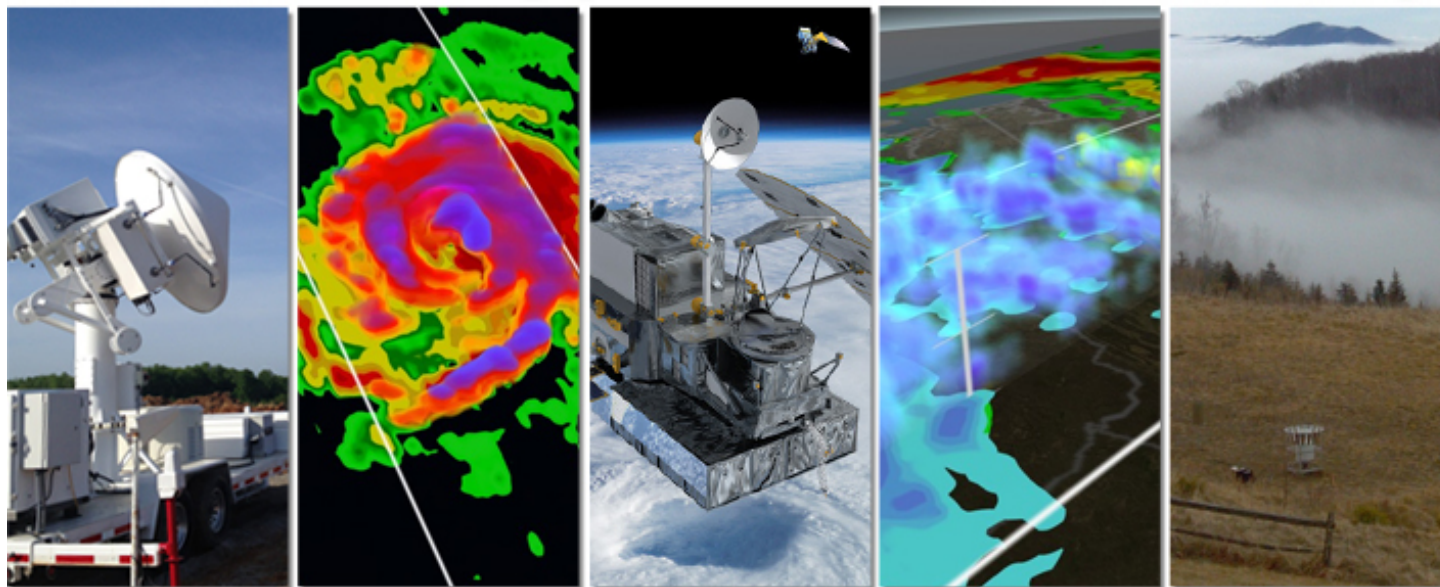


## Public Health and Ecology

- Disease tracking
- Animal migration
- Food Security



# 2015 GPM Applications Workshop



- 110 Participants, 25 additional on WebEx
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Hands on training (4 hours, twice during the day) which introduced data and access while also providing us with insight into the user experience

- Representation from:
  - Government (NGA, NRL, US Army, USGS, USDA, OFDA/USAID, NASA)
  - Industry (SwissRe, The Weather Company, Capital Weather Gang)
  - International (PDC, MercyCorps, Red Cross)
  - Academia (several countries represented)
  - Students
- Session on:
  - Scientific achievements
  - Weather Forecasting & Communication
  - Agricultural Modeling/Food Security/Water Resources
  - Ecology and Public Health and Disasters



Main Themes coming from the workshop:

1. There is a **clear need** for a long, consistent precipitation record
  - Many users will not transition from TRMM to GPM until that record, or some “bridging” data set
2. Spatial and Temporal Resolution varies by field
  - Having an “early”, “late” and “final” product is appreciated and will be utilized by different users
3. Data files, formats and access are not crystal clear
  - Users have difficulty deciding which product to use, how to understand the error, where to access the data, etc.
4. Continuity of precipitation measurements
  - Expectation of continuous and “homogeneous” precipitation records

**NOTE:** TRMM sensors were permanently turned off on April 8

## 2015 Season Storms

All **Active** Year

### Atlantic

### East Pacific

98E.INVEST [KML](#)

97E.INVEST [KML](#)

04E.ELA [KML](#)

### Central Pacific

02C.TWO

01C.ONE

### West Pacific

11W.NANGKA [KML](#)

10W.LINFA [KML](#)

09W.CHAN-HOM [KML](#)

### Indian Ocean

### Southern Hem.

Season: 16

Latest

Pass\_Mosaic

Text

Track

ATCF

Track+Image

WindVectors

Environment

TPW

TPW+NAVGEM\_TPW

TPW+NAVGEM\_850\_Winds

Wind\_Shear

COAMPS\_TC

Sensor	% Cov	VIS	IR	IR-BD	Multi Sens.	85GHz H	85GHz weak	85GHz PCT	Color	Rain	Wind	37GHz Color	37GHz V	37GHz H	SSM/I Vapor
SSM/I	82														
SSMIS	96														
GMI	59														
AMSR2	35														
WINDSAT	61														
AMSUB	98														

	VIS	IR	Vapor
GAC:			
GEO:			
MODIS:			
VIIRS:			
OLS:			

09W.CHAN-HOM, TRACK\_VIS, 10 JUL 2015 1632Z

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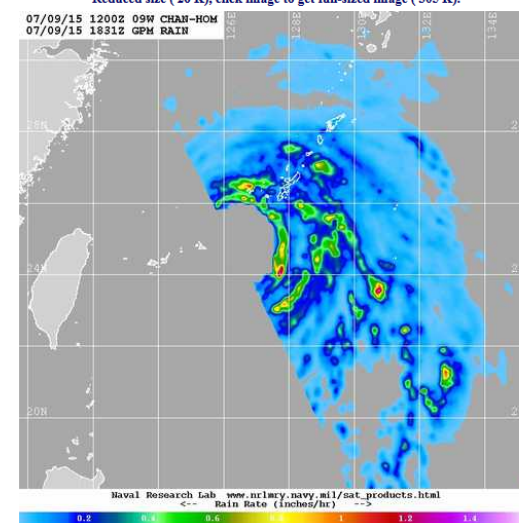
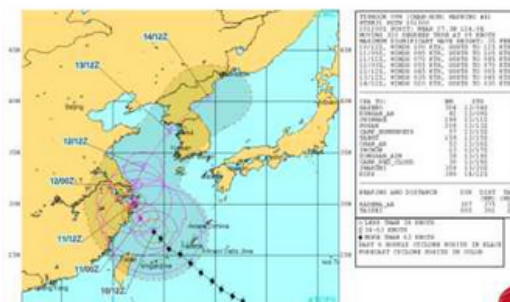
[Tutorials:](#)  
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[COMET](#)

Forecast and Graphic by: Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center

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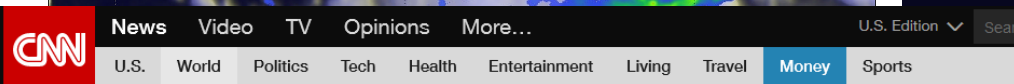
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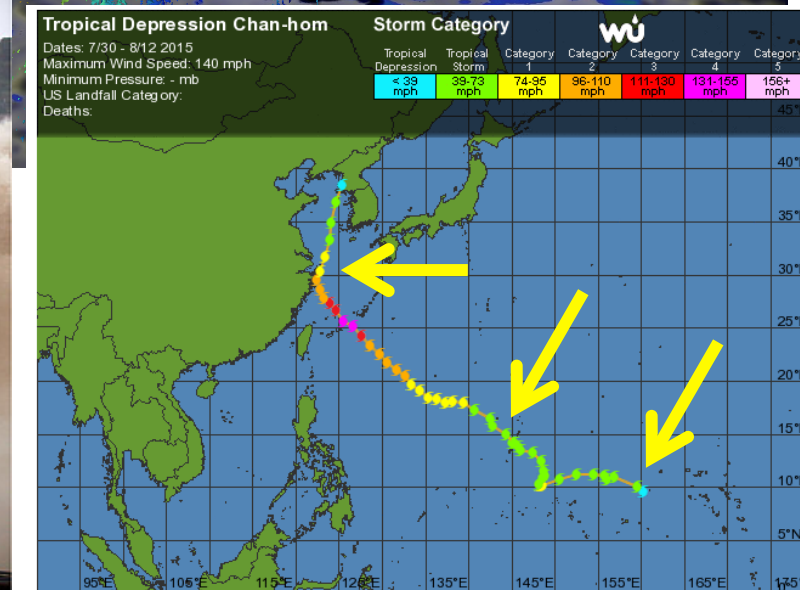
## June 30<sup>th</sup> Overpass

15N

6/30/2015 0841Z GPM Radar (Ku Band) 15dBZ Isosurface  
0 5 10 15 20 km  
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100  
GPM Precipitation mm/hr (GMI)



## Typhoon Chan-hom slams eastern China's Zhoushan city



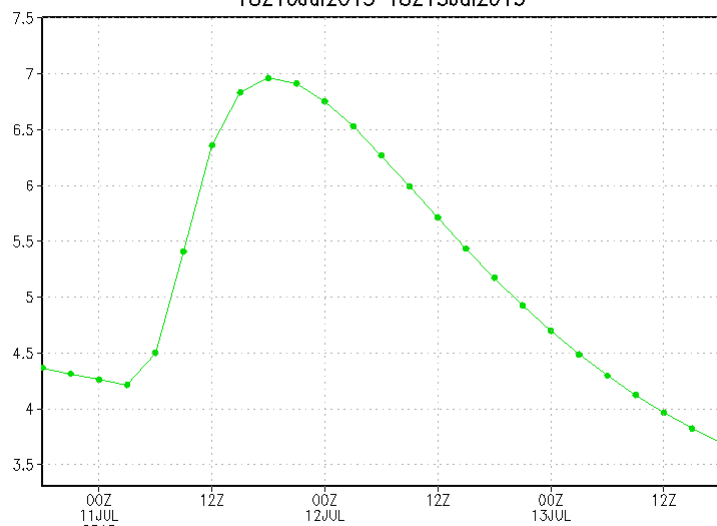




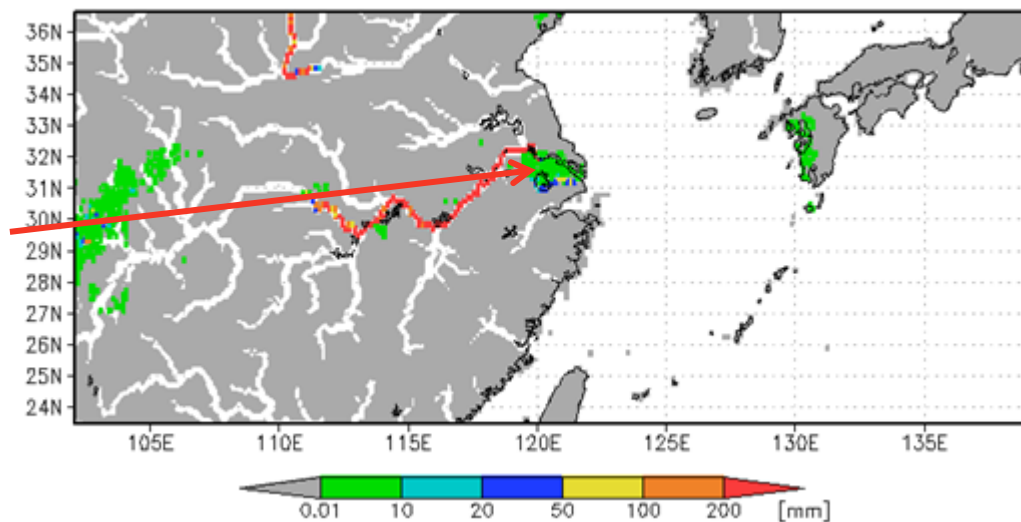
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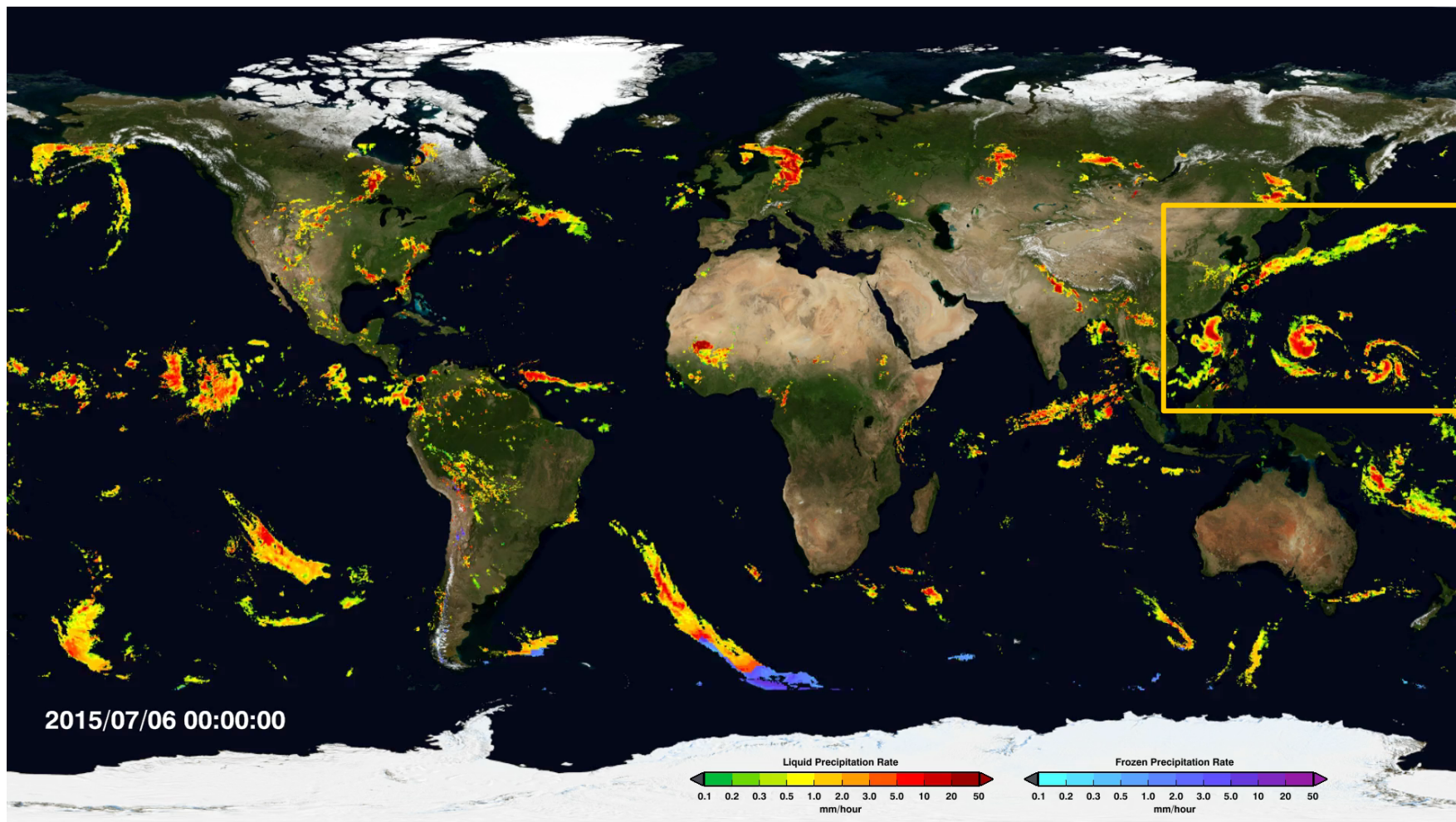
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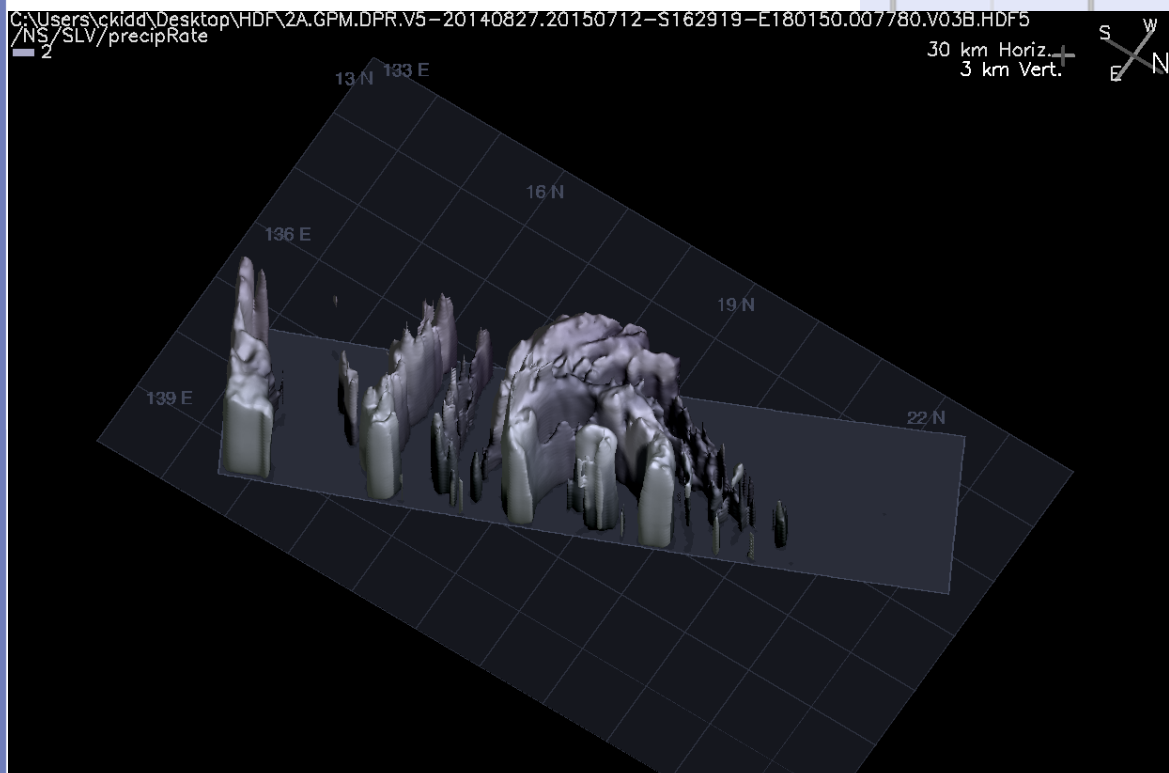
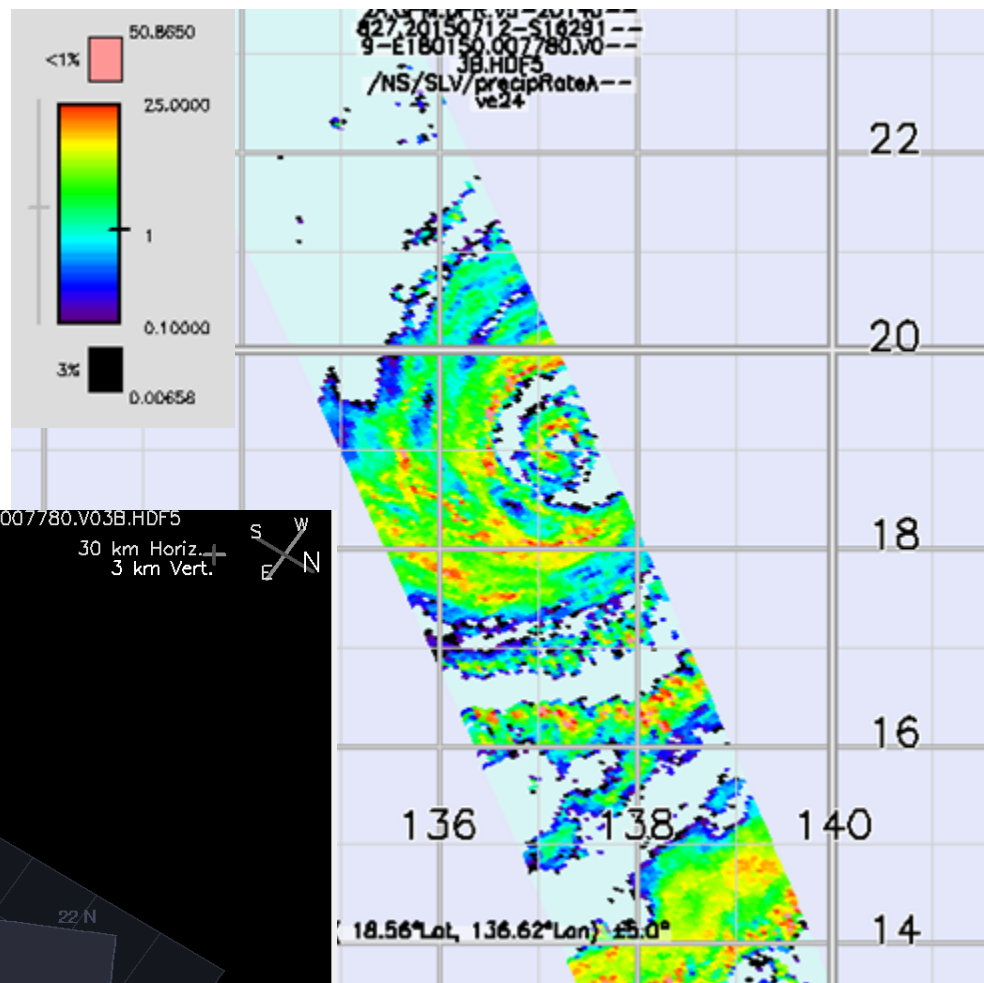
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18Z10Jul2015 18Z13Jul2015



Flood Detection/Intensity (depth above threshold [mm])  
09Z13Jul2015



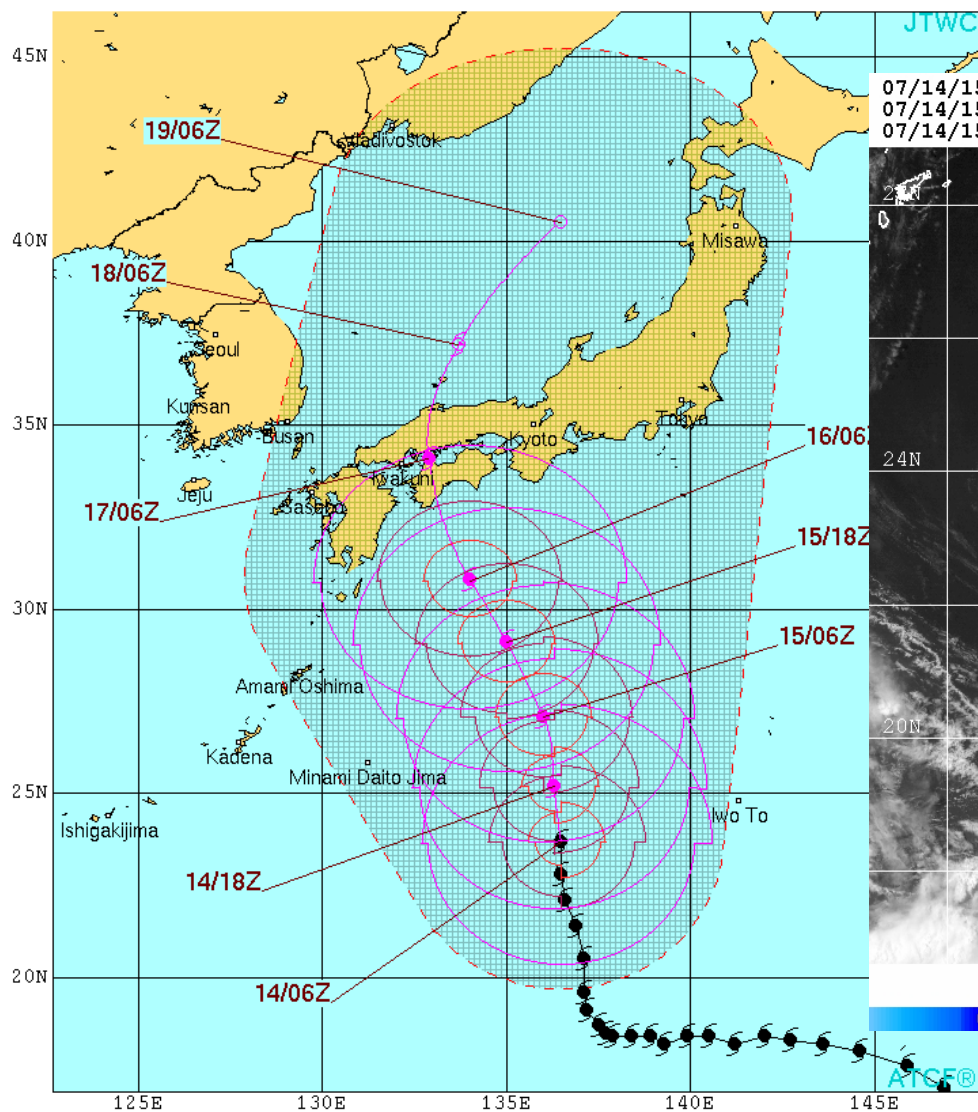




Courtesy of Chris Kidd

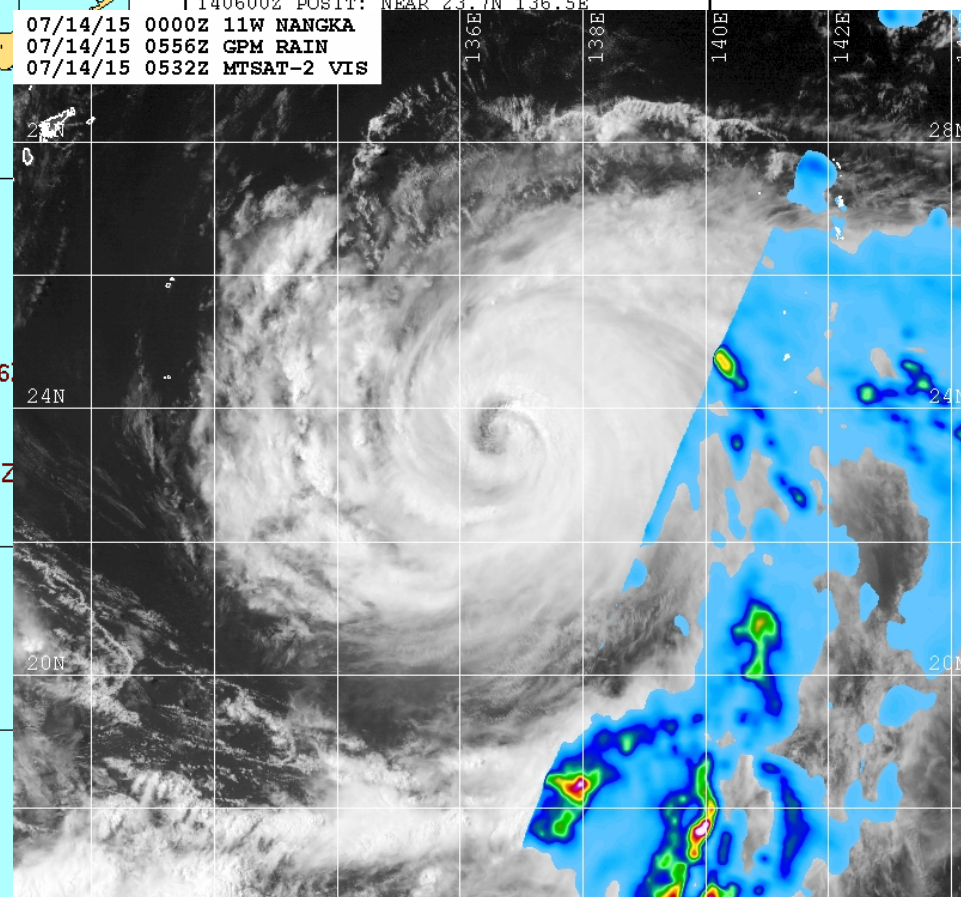


# Track forecast: Typhoon 11W (Nangka)



TYPHOON 11W (NANGKA) WARNING #44  
WTPN33 PGTW 140900  
140600Z POSIT: NEAR 23.7N 136.5E

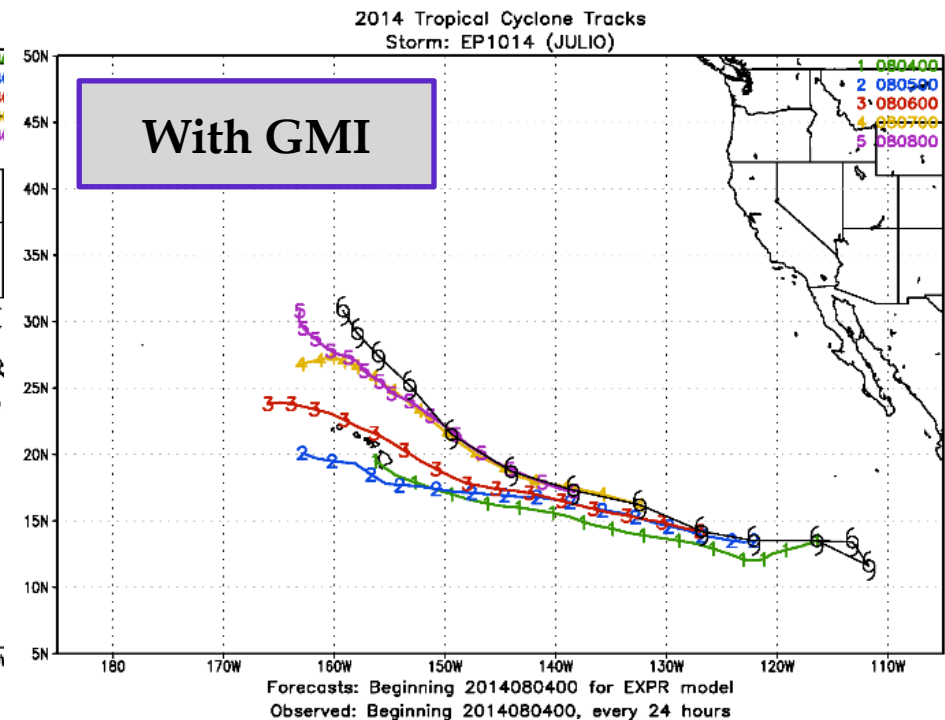
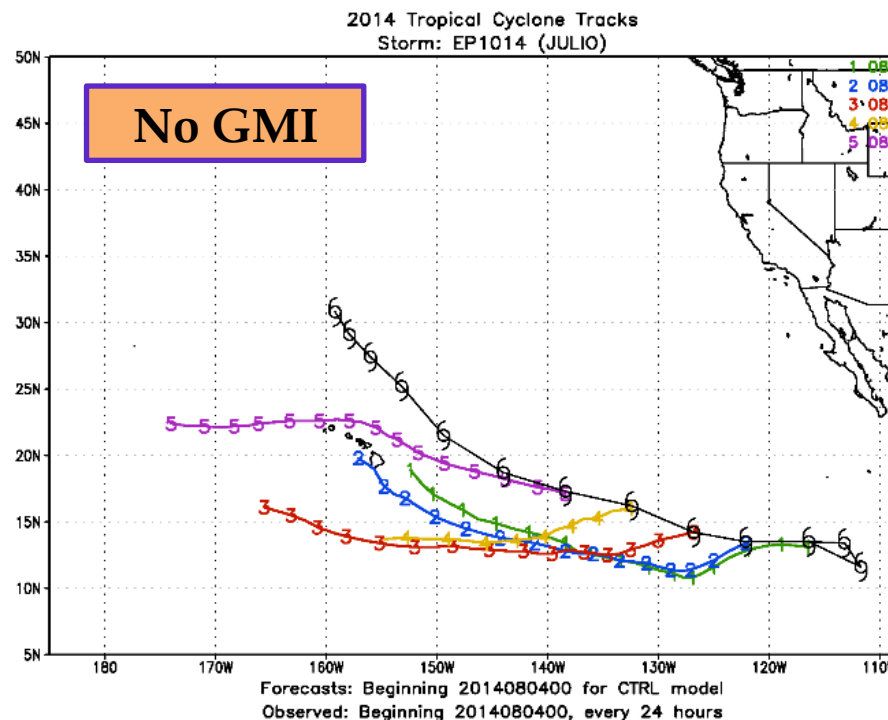
07/14/15 0000Z 11W NANGKA  
07/14/15 0556Z GPM RAIN  
07/14/15 0532Z MTSAT-2 VIS



Naval Research Lab [www.nrlmry.navy.mil/sat\\_products.html](http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/sat_products.html)  
<-- Rain Rate (inches/hr) -->

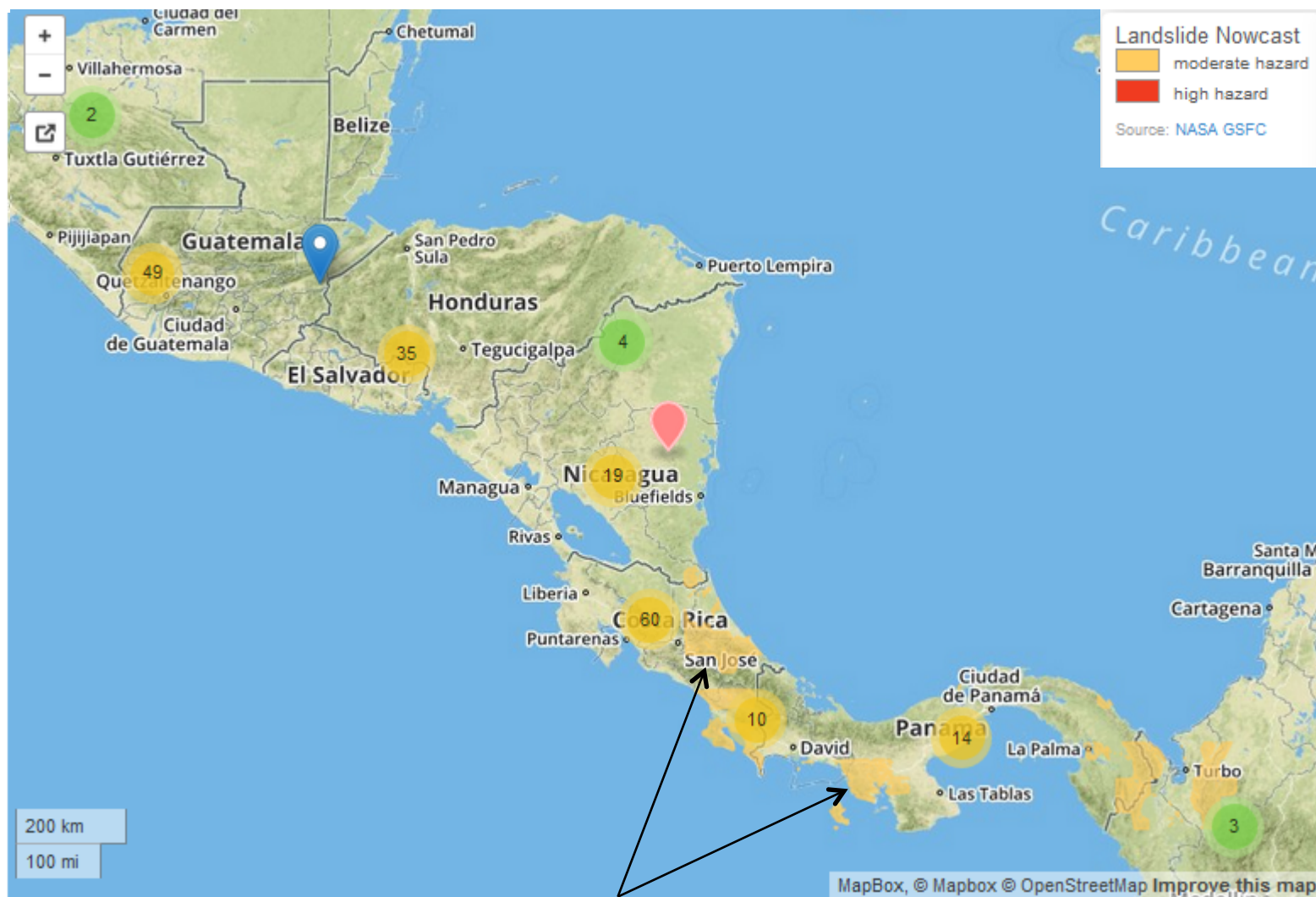


Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA) uses GMI data to improve and accelerate the use of satellite observations in Numerical Weather Prediction.



August 4 August 5 August 6 August 7 August 8

Forecasts tracks for Hurricane Julio (2014) from August 4 to August 8 *with no satellite data* assimilated (left), and *with only GMI data* assimilated (right). Both experiments assimilated conventional observations. The best track is shown in **black**.

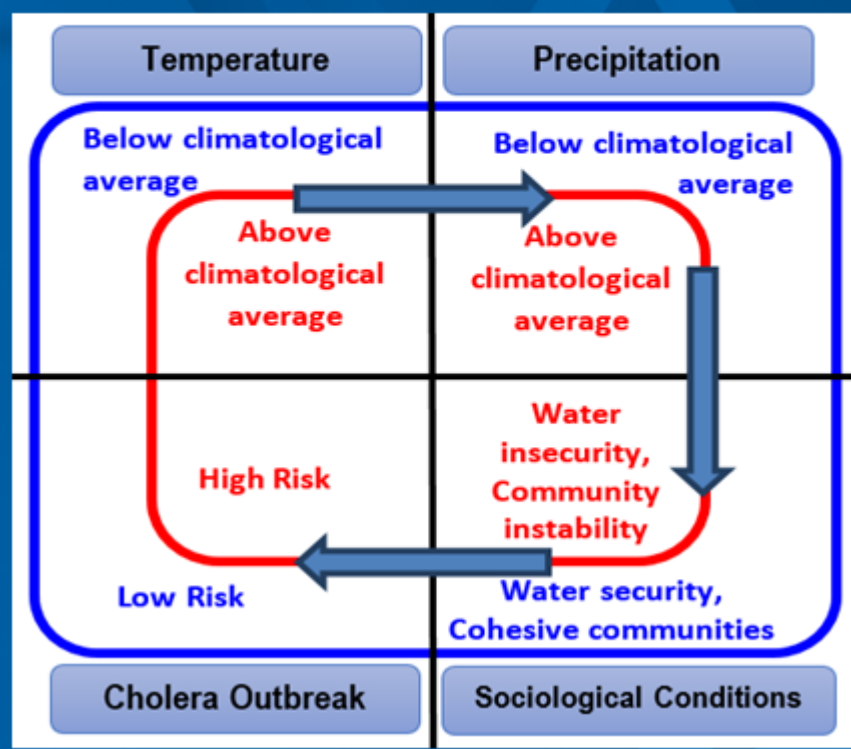


Landslide “Nowcast” for 7/13/2015

<http://ojo-streamer.herokuapp.com/meso>, Kirschbaum/GSFC

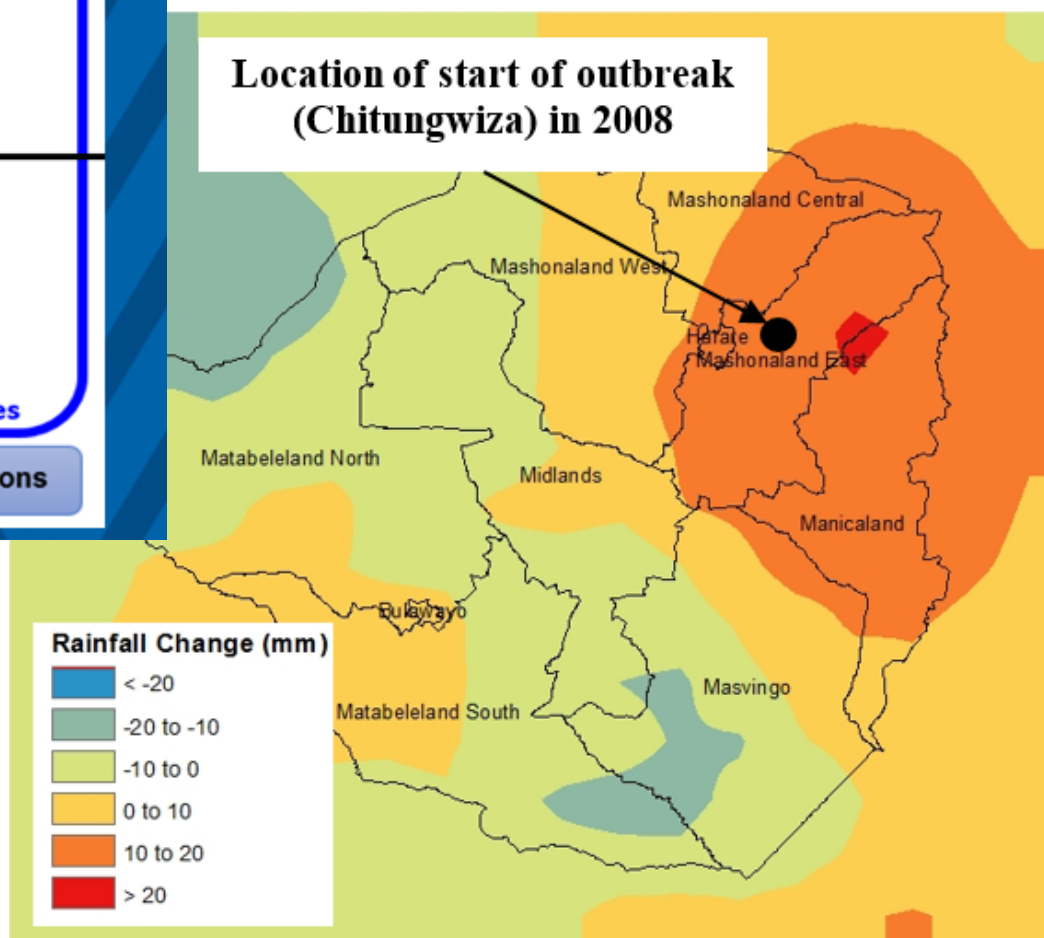


## Predictive Epidemic Cholera Model



Use of TRMM/GPM data can provide near real-time indication of potential Cholera outbreaks

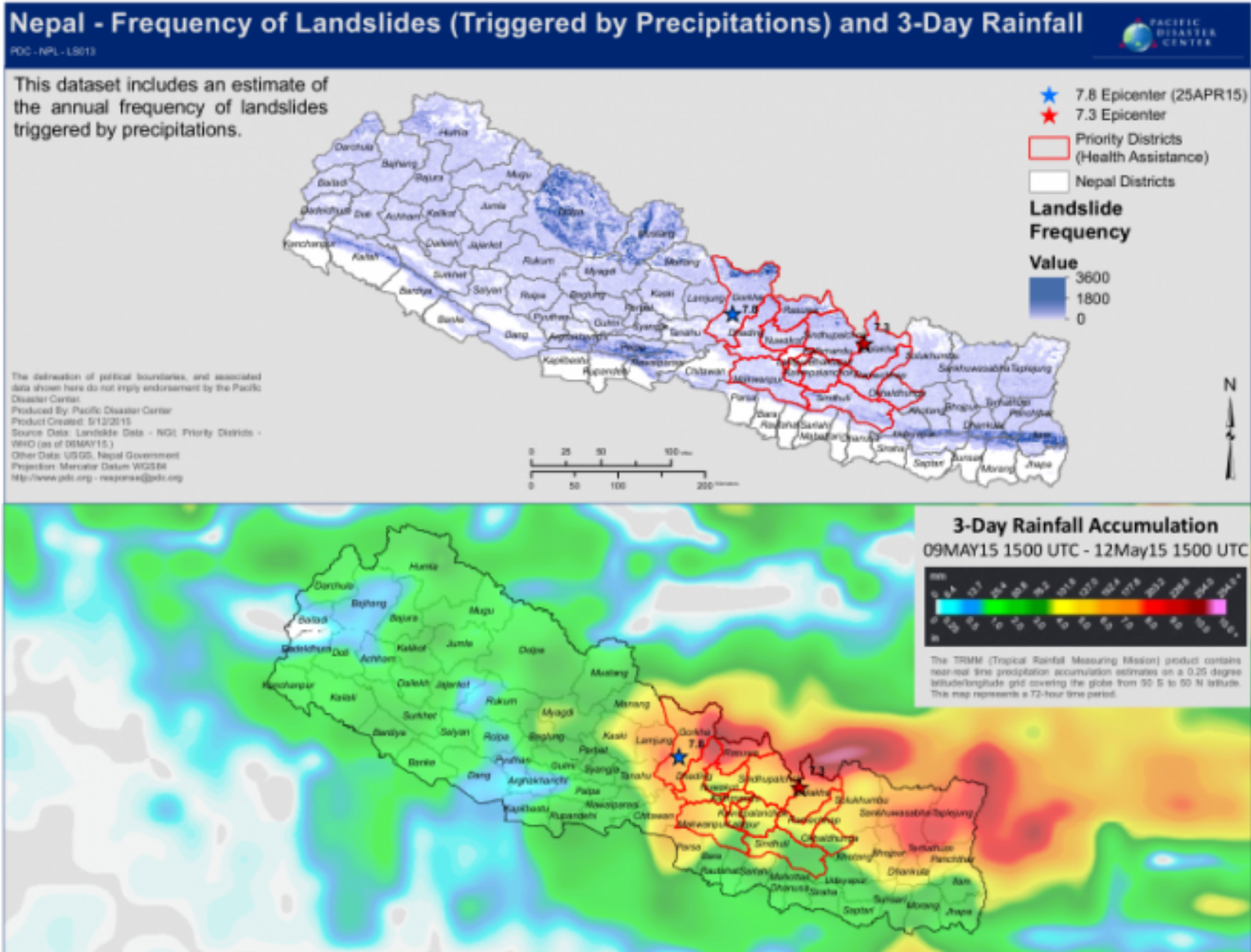
Location of start of outbreak (Chitungwiza) in 2008



Jutla et al., 2015 (AJTMH-Accepted)

Antar Jutla,  
West Virginia University

## Pacific Disaster Center



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### GPM Data Downloads

**NOTE:** The GPM Core Observatory launched on February 27th 2014 and the pipeline for generating data products is still being developed, therefore not all planned GPM data products are currently available. [Click here](#) for a projected schedule of when these products will be released. Please check back at <http://pmm.nasa.gov> and [http://twitter.com/NASA\\_Rain](http://twitter.com/NASA_Rain) for the latest news.

Level 3 Level 2 Level 1

Geophysical parameters that have been spatially and/or temporally resampled from Level 1 or Level 2 data.

▼ **IMERG:** Rainfall estimates combining data from all passive-microwave instruments in the GPM Constellation

**(Pending Release)** This algorithm is intended to intercalibrate, merge, and interpolate "all" satellite microwave precipitation estimates, together with microwave-calibrated infrared (IR) satellite estimates, precipitation gauge analyses, and potentially other precipitation estimators at fine time and space scales for the TRMM and GPM eras over the entire globe. The system is run several times for each observation time, first giving a quick estimate and successively providing better estimates as more data arrive. The final step uses monthly gauge data to create research-level products. [Full Documentation](#)

Learn about the upcoming transition from TMPA (3B42x) to IMERG

Resolution	Regions - Dates	Latency	Format	Source	DL
0.1° - 30 minute	Gridded, 90°N-90°S, March 2014 to present	4 hours (RT)	HDF5	RT: FTP (PPS)*	
			HDF5	Mirador	
			Giovanni	Giovanni TOVAS	
			NETCDF	Simple Subset Wizard	
0.1° - 30 minute	Gridded, 90°N-90°S, March 2014 to present	12 hours (RT)	HDF5	RT: FTP (PPS)*	
			OPeNDAP	OPeNDAP	
0.1° - 30 minute	Gridded, 90°N-90°S, March 2014 to present	4 months (Prod)	GDS	GrADS Data Server (GDS)	
			HDF5	Prod: FTP (PPS)*	
			HDF5	Prod: STORM	



## Education

- Teacher Workshops
- 30 Teachers (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) at GSFC for a week-long summer watershed institute
- Booth and conference tables and public engagement
- School visits
- Lesson plan development
- Engagement with GLOBE
- Citizen Science (CoCoRaHS, Wallops)

## Outreach

- Social Media:
  - [Facebook.com/NASA.Rain](https://www.facebook.com/NASA.Rain) – 21k followers
  - [Twitter.com/NASA\\_Rain](https://twitter.com/NASA_Rain) – 13k followers
  - Let us know how you're using GPM data!
- Photo Contests
  - [pmm.nasa.gov/signs-of-spring-winners](http://pmm.nasa.gov/signs-of-spring-winners) – 800+ entries
- Websites:
  - [pmm.nasa.gov](http://pmm.nasa.gov) – [www.nasa.gov/gpm](http://www.nasa.gov/gpm)
- Videos and animations
  - [svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/Gallery/GPM.html](http://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/Gallery/GPM.html)
- Handouts, educational resources
  - [pmm.nasa.gov/education](http://pmm.nasa.gov/education)
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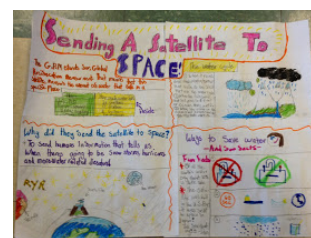
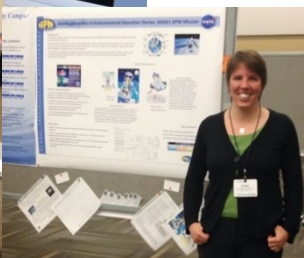


Educational GPM Anime Comic Coming in Fall 2015

**“Raindrop Tales: GPM Meets Mizu-Chan”**

[pmm.nasa.gov/education/comics](http://pmm.nasa.gov/education/comics)

35 workshops,  
webinars and  
conference  
presentations reaching  
nearly 700 educators



31 presentations at  
schools, libraries,  
after school clubs,  
summer camps and  
online reaching over  
1800 students.

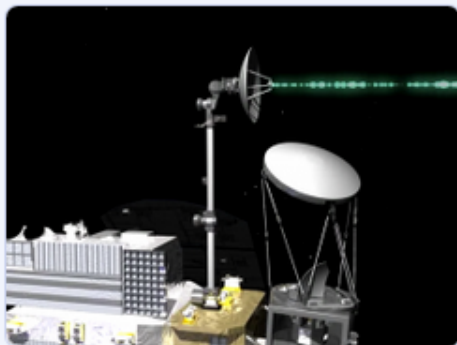
GPM-GLOBE Student Field  
Campaign began 2/2015; so far,  
participants come from 17 states  
and 10 countries





## Videos

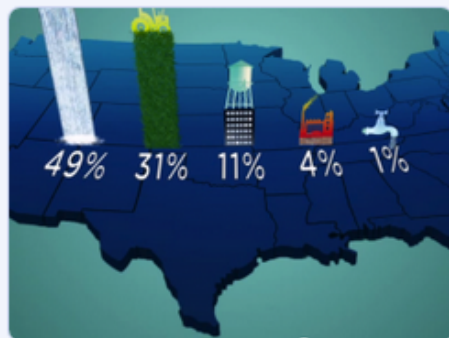
### The Data Downpour



In a data-processing room at NASA's GSFC, racks of high-powered computers are getting ready to make a global map.

[Link](#)

### Show Me The Water



Just three percent of the water on our planet is freshwater. This video explores how our most precious resource is used, [Link](#)

### The Anatomy of a Raindrop



Raindrops are actually shaped a hamburger bun. This new video from GPM explains why. [Link](#)

## Feature Articles

### Rain Gauges in the Smoky Mountains



Rain gauges and other rain monitoring equipment are set up through the Appalachians to capture rainfall for the GPM ground validation to June 15, 2014.

[Learn more about IPHEX](#)

### Bird Migration to be Tracked by GPM Radar

By Ellen Gray, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Original [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) Press Release (published 6/7/12)

NASA and Nature Conservancy Agreement Supports Precipitation and Migratory Bird Research



### NASA Satellites Predict Zebra Migrations



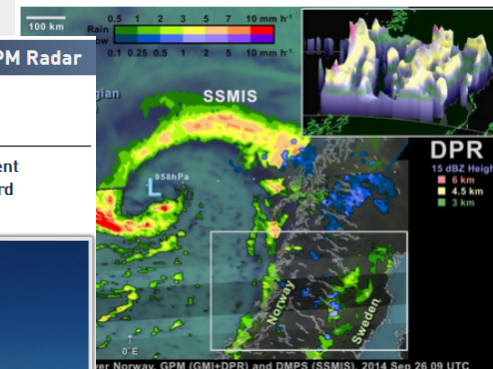
Zebra in the Makgadikgadi grasslands.

Image Credit: Hattie Bartlam-Brooks

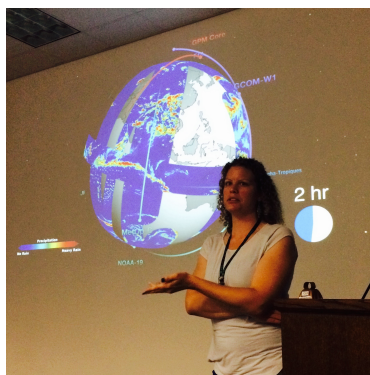
Of stars and stripes: NASA satellites used to predict zebra migrations

### GPM Satellite Sees a Windstorm over Norway

On September 26, the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) satellite flew over an extra-tropical cyclone whose center was approaching Norway. The Norwegian weather service reported that this storm brought gale-force winds to parts of Norway's coast and mountains (20 m/s in the mountains and 50 m/s just off-coast, late at night on September 26).







GPM sponsored the Summer Watershed Institute for 30 Maryland teachers from July 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. These teachers were introduced to NASA's Earth Science missions, the science behind Earth's spheres, and focused on how these missions are able to give us information about the Chesapeake Bay region. Many GSFC scientists and engineers presented to the teachers to help them learn more about the science and technology.



The teachers learned how to collect and report data using The GLOBE Program protocols, and will integrate these hands-on investigations into their ongoing curriculum for the next school year.



For more information on the TRMM and GPM Missions:

<http://gpm.nasa.gov>

[www.nasa.gov/gpm](http://www.nasa.gov/gpm)

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# Education and Public Outreach



GLOBAL PRECIPITATION MEASUREMENT

